under Section 617 of the Companies Act, 1956. It is a joint venture company promoted by MMTC Ltd. a Central PSU, and Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Orissa Ltd. (IPICOL), which is a State PSU. Further, at the project appraisal stage, the company was intended to be a joint venture company with majority of private sector holding. The company has a unique structure of equity holding with equity being held by several PSUs, both Central and State. The equity structure is also yet to finally stabilize. In view of the above and the substantial holdings and management control by MMTC Ltd. in NINL, MMTC Ltd. has been advised to seek suitable directions from Department of Personnel and Training through their Administrative Ministry, as to whether provisions relating to reservation for SC/ST candidates are applicable in a company like NINL.

Wage Revision of KIOCL

1744. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kudremukh Iron-Ore Company Ltd. (KIOCL) is a 100 per cent export oriented and profit making 'Mini Ratna' Company;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Officers Cadre of KIOCL have requested for wage revision and anomaly correction;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that assurance given to KIOCL officers during their last pay revision of maintaining pay parity beteen KIOCL officers and their counterparts in other PSUs has not been implemented; and

(e) if so, by when the required pay revision would be carried out?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Officers Association of KIOCL has requested for correction of anomalies in their pay scales to bring them on par with other similar Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Steel. The Management of KIOCL had assured the Association at the time of wage agreement that KIOCL will consider adoption of comparative scales of other similarly placed PSUs if their pay scales were superior to those of KIOCL Executives.

12.00 Noon

The proposal received from KIOCL for correction of anomaly in their pay scales is under the consideration of the Government.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (2002-03) of the Bureau of Indian Standards New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under section 23 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Bureau of Indian Standards, New Delhi, for the year 2002-03, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Bureau.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1281/04]

I. **Report and Accounts (2003-04) of various Chemicals and Fertilizer Corporations Mineral and Iron Ore Companies Ltd. & related papers.**

II. **Report and Accounts (2003-04) of SSPL, Kolkata and related papers.**

III. **Report and Accounts (2003-04) of PDIL, Noida and related papers.**

IV. **Report and Accounts (2003-04) of CIPET, Guindy, Chennai & related papers.**

V. **MoU (2004-05) between Government of India and HSCL.**

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): Sir, I lay the following papers on the Table of the House:

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-